

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-37 are pending in this application. Claims 11-19 and 22-37 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6, 20 and 21 are amended, and claim 5 is canceled.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 10, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by JP8-153104 to Tatsuji; claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Tatsuji and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,859,623 to Meyn et al.; and claims 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Tatsuji and further in view of Meyn et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-3

Tatsuji does not disclose displaying an execution icon for causing the scenario creating section to execute a scenario creating process, as recited in claim 1. Further, Tatsuji does not disclose the claim feature of a file icon for a source file is dragged and dropped on the execution icon, as recited in claim 1.

Tatsuji discloses a hyper-editor 15 that converts a first hypermedia document into a second hypermedia document for a presentation (that is, a plurality of cards). Please see paragraph [0027] of Tatsuji. A display order of cards for a presentation is determined on a list display screen that displays all of the cards, and the display order of the cards is then saved as scenario information. See paragraph [0032] of Tatsuji.

As discussed on page 6, lines 4-7 of the January 24 Office Action, the Examiner regards "the source file" as recited in claim 1 as the plurality of cards as shown in Fig. 8 of Tatsuji. However, the plurality of cards of Tatsuji do not include scenario information. As such, Tatsuji provides no teaching, disclosure or suggestion of "a source file of a second

predetermined format including pagewise scenario information and image information", as recited in claim 1.

Assuming arguendo that the first hypermedia document of Tatsuji corresponds to the source file recited in claim 1, the first hypermedia document only includes caption, but does not include scenario information. Accordingly, Tatsuji provides no disclosure of a source file of a second predetermined format including pagewise scenario information and image information, as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, since Tatsuji provides no disclosure of "a source file of a second predetermined format including pagewise scenario information and image information", Tatsuji does not disclose the feature of "creating the scenario file on the basis of the scenario information" included in the source file and the feature of "generating image files of the first predetermined format that is different from the second predetermined format, on the basis of the image information" included in the source file, as recited in claim 1.

Meyn et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of Tatsuji discussed above. Specifically, Meyn discloses that information generated by a presentation application software is converted into a PDF file. Please see col. 10, lines 49-67 of Meyn. However, Meyn does not disclose that the information generated by the presentation application software includes scenario information. Further, Meyn et al. discloses that only a PDF file is created from the information generated by the presentation application software, and thus provides no disclosure of the feature of "creating a scenario file from a source file" and the feature of "generating image files from a source file", as recited in claim 1.

According to the features recited in claim 1, the user only has to drag and drop a file icon for a source file of a second predetermined format on an execution icon for causing a scenario creating section to execute a scenario creating process, so as to create a scenario file and image files of a first predetermined format with ease.

With respect to claims 2 and 3, Applicants respectfully submit that at least the features recited in claims 2 and 3 similar to those features recited in claim 1 are not taught, disclosed or even suggested in Tatsuji or in Meyn. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1, claims 2 and 3 are distinguishable over the applied art.

Claims 4, 20 and 21

Tatsuji does not teach, disclose or suggest creating a scenario file indicating a plurality of source files that includes source files of two or more formats, as recited in claim 4.

Instead, Tatsuji discloses that a card playback display section 157, when displaying document for presentation, switches cards one by one and displays it according to the scenario information corresponding to the document. Please see paragraph [0032] of Tatsuji. In Tatsuji, the cards that are switched one by one have been prepared based on the same file format.

Meyn et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of Tatsuji discussed above. That is, Meyn provides no disclosure of creating a scenario file that indicates a plurality of source files that includes source files of two or more formats, as recited in claim 4.

With the device recited in claim 4, the user only has to display selected source file information on the selected source file information area in a desired sequence, so as to create a scenario file indicating a plurality of source files that includes source files of two or more formats with ease.

With respect to claims 20 and 21, Applicants respectfully submit that for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 4, the similar features recited in claims 20 and 21 are not taught, disclosed or suggested in Tatsuji or Meyn.

Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-37 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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